Remarks

A number of claims have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. In order to render this rejection moot, appended hereto is a Terminal Disclaimer. The filing of this Terminal Disclaimer should not be viewed as an acquiescence in the rejection, but rather as a means to expedite prosecution of the application to grant.

In view of the foregoing, request is made for timely issuance of a notice of allowance.

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